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1. EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY OCT. 8 TO DISCUSS USSR PERM REP ISSUE WITH WHITTAKER (DEPT. OF TRADE) WHO JUST BEGINNING TO PREPARE DOT BRIEF ON THIS. UK APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON ITS LEGAL POSITION RE ARTICLE 36 OF IMCO CONVENTION. HE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS PRESS REPORT OF UK PRIOR REJECTION OF SOVIET PLAN TO OPEN IMCO PERM REP OFFICE SUBSTANTIALLY ACCURATE. HE APPRECIATED RECEIVING REPORT AND OUR VIEWS PROVIDED REFTEL.

2. WHITTAKER GAVE US COPY OF DRAFT, UNDATED "NOTE BY SECRETARY GENERAL" DESIGNATED C/ES VIII/14 (BLANK) SEPTEMBER 1975 - SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS - "ESTABLISHMENT BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF PERMANENT MISSIONS TO IMCO" AND SIMILAR NOTE TO ASSEMBLY AIX/30 WHICH UK HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM IMCO AS ADVANCE COPY. DRAFT COUNCIL DOCUMENT, WHICH WHITTAKER HAD NOT YET READ, IS OF SEVEN PAGES PRESENTING CASE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF IMCO PERM PEP OFFICES WITH ANNEX OF 21 PAGES PROVIDING EXCERPTS MF UN, IAEA, WHO, ITU, ICAO, ILO AND UNESCO HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENTS ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AND VIENNA CONVENTION OF MARCH 14, 1975 ON REPRESENTATION OF STATES IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZA-
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TIONS OF A UNIVERSAL CHARACTER TO SUPPORT CASE. IN DRAFT

NOTE, SECY GENERAL SUGGESTS IT IS NOW OPPORTUNE TIME TO "RAISE WITH UK GENERAL ISSUE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF PERM REP MISSIONS IN LONDON BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND ARRANGE FOR ACCORDING TO ANY SUCH MISSIONS STATUS, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES NORMALLY AND PROPERLY ACCORDED TO SIMILAR MISSIONS BY OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS." HE ASKS, IN DRAFT, FOR COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY TO PURSUE THIS WITH UK AUTHORITIES.

3. CHECK WITH IMCO OCT. 9 REVEALS DRAFT DOCUMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED TO DATE WHICH SUGGESTS THAT SINCE ONLY THREE WEEKS REMAIN TO COUNCIL/ASSEMBLY MEETING THEY MAY NOT BE ISSUED. WE WILL TRY TO DETERMINE WHAT IMCO PLANS ARE ON THIS. COPY OF DRAFTS HAS BEEN MAILED TO IO/TRC ATTENTION CARL GRIP.

4. COMMENT: IF SECGEN NOTE IS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL/ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION, IT WOULD APPEAR TO US UNLIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION TO IT SINCE GOOD CASE MADE FOR OBTAINING FOR IMCO COMMITMENT BY UK AS HOST GOVERNMENT SIMILAR TO THAT ACCORDED TO MANY OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS BY THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS. NONETHELESS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT UK BILATERALLY WITH USSR COULD STILL CONTROL TOTAL NUMBER OF SOVIET REPS IN UK (EMBASSY, TRADE MISSION, IMCO OR OTHERS) NO MATTER WHAT FINAL OUTCOME OF SECGEN'S APPROACH ON RENEGOTIATING IMCO/UK HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT MIGHT BE.
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